

REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 - EXPENSITED PROLEDURE-EXAMING GROUP 1623

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

plicants: Chen et al.

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## RESPONSE AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed April 28, 1999, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. These remarks and amendments serve to remove or clarify issues for appeal. This response is timely filed as a response is due on or before July 28, 1999.

Claims 20-30 are pending in the application. Claims 27-30 are cancelled by this amendment.

## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 C.F.R. §1.8a)

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